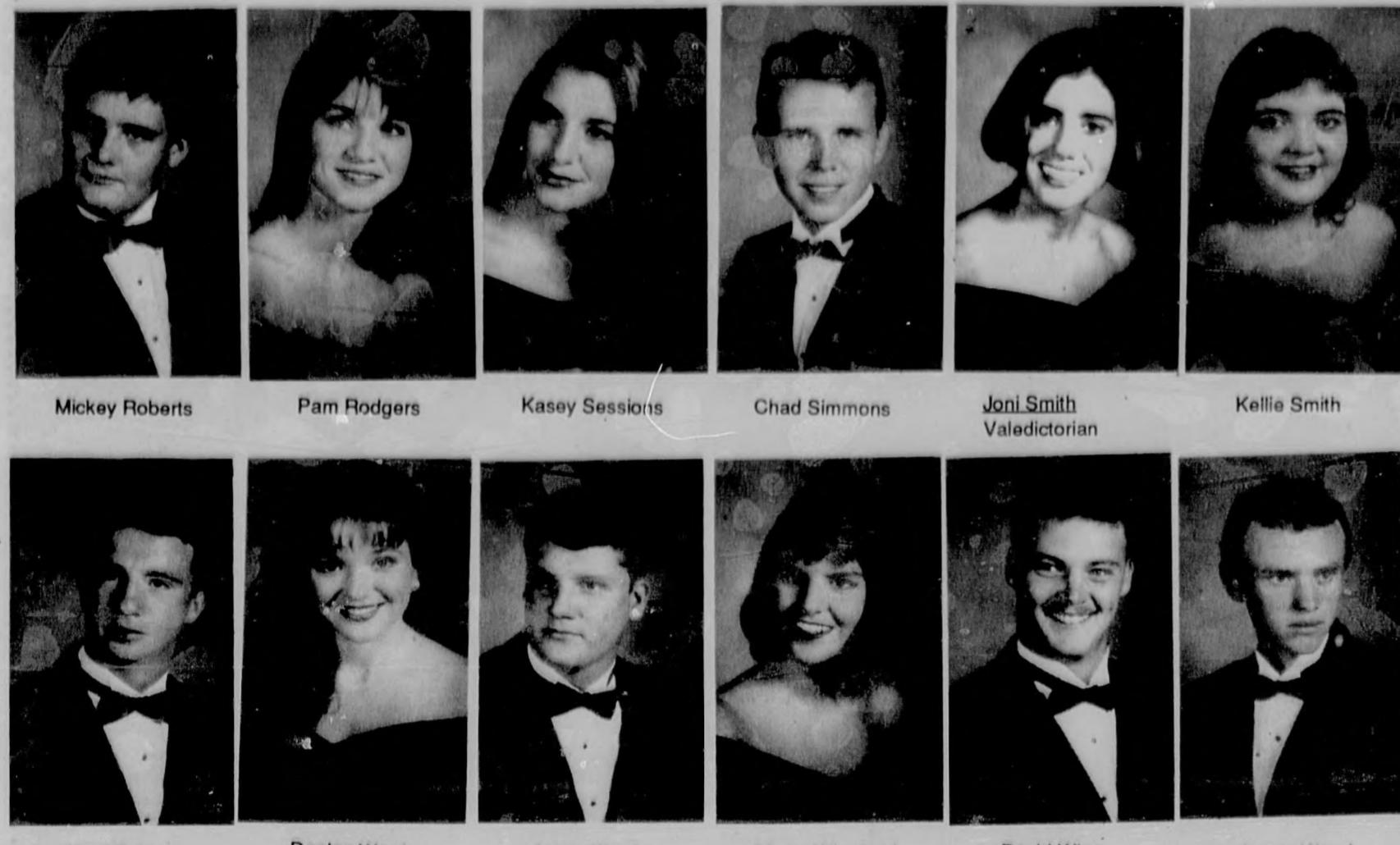


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NEWS BRIEFS

Elba police officers made another drug arrest. On Saturday, May 24, officers arrested a 38-year-old Elba woman, Lynn Hudson. She was charged with illegal possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance, Coffee County Jail and later released on bond. The incident is part of an on-going investigation by the Elba Police department and the 12th Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force.

The introduction to Disaster Course is needed before any other course can be taken. It is available at the Elba City Hall in a video-tape format.

The Care Overview and Shelter Overview classes are classes that cover what is involved in setting up, running, and supplying a shelter after a disaster.

Classes will be held in the conference room at Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Friday.

Scheduled topics are as follows:

June 6 - Introduction to Disaster; June 13 - Mass Care Overview; and June 20 - Shelter Operations; and June 27 - Damage Assessment.

Meet Your Elba Police Officers

Meet Police Officer Johnny P. Senn. Officer Senn is native of Brantley, AL. He has been a member of the Elba Police Department for more than nine years.

Senn has twelve years of experience in law enforcement. He is a certified firearms instructor and has spent training in the use of tactics firearms. He has also received S.W.A.T. training, extensive investigation training and is also a certified D.A.R.E. instructor.

At the present time, Officer Senn serves as a sergeant in the patrol division. His previous assignment was in investigations and he served on the 12th Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force.

"Helping people in a time of need, or just helping people know that we are about their safety is what I like most about being a police officer," said Senn.

"The disrespect you get sometimes from a few people is one of the negatives of being in law enforcement," said Johnny.

His most memorable experience as a police officer was working in Elba during the flood of 1990.

Officer Senn stated that he would like to find some type of organization that would keep the interest of the teenagers.

Johnny's wish for the department is 1) Off-duty socializing with all officers once a month; 2) Some type of recrea-

tion for members of the department as a group; and 3) Working on family-oriented morale with each other.

Officer Senn's hobbies include hunting & fishing, shooting guns and working on his car. He has as much time as possible with his two-year-old, Philip Ashton Senn.

"I feel that the Elba Police Department has seen major improvement in appearance as a whole - persons and facility," said Senn.

"I take great pride in being an officer for the City of Elba and over the years, it has become my home and the people have made that possible," he added.

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Mr. Peacock.

Elba Mayor James Grimes referred reporters to the lawyers in the case and Elba City Attorney Jeff Kelley said he was not the attorney

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That was the final of five wrongful termination suits lost by Peacock in a four year span. There are however, one or two personal injury suits making their way through the courts.

Peacock's resignation. All five city council members voted for his firing while Haywood reportedly opposed the action. The termination was not a surprise, as Peacock had his attorney present at the meeting and out-of-town TV crews were also filming the action.

The lawsuit was filed against the city council, five city council members, but Haywood was not named as a defendant in this case.

The basis for the suit, \$1 million in compensatory damages and \$1.5 in punitive damages, was that the man had been terminated without the proper cause, as required by AF-1994 law and Elba city ordinances.

At the termination meeting, Gill was told, after the vote to terminate, that they could have a hearing, but the attorney declined until a written list of charges was presented. This was done several days later and again a hearing was offered, however, it was held in May, 1996 and settled one year later.

Peacock was the fourth person to carry the title of "Chief" in less than



RAILWAYS BUS AND CAR TANGLE. Shortly before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, a Trailways bus collided with a 1995 Ford Taurus at the intersection of Simmons Street and Claxton Avenue. The car, driven by Donna A. Parker, 44, of Elba, was traveling west on Simmons when it was struck by a Trailways bus traveling south on Claxton. The car, after being hit by the bus, struck a steel pole which supports the traffic light at the intersection. Mrs. Parker was taken to Elba General Hospital and released. The driver of the bus, Arthur J. Reed, 44, of Tallahassee, FL, and none of the bus' 13 passengers were injured. The deployment of the air bag on Parker's car prevented her from being seriously injured. The accident was investigated by Sgt. Randy White of the Elba Police Department.

County Commission deals in communications

By Marvin McElwain - Editor

Monday's meeting of the Coffee County Commission centered

around two major things - the installation of a phone system for the "temporary courthouse" and County Engineer Randy Tindell's wish-list.

These were several motions of discussion followed by motions of deferred action, failing to pass and some receiving motions of a follow by a 15-minute recess before a telephone question was settled.

It began when County Administrator Wilson Mobley made a motion to follow GTE's recommendation in a 15-minute recess.

After several minutes of discussion, it was voted that GTE officials would be allowed to use the new courthouse after it was completed. The cost and legality of this without bidding the equipment was questioned.

After several minutes of discussion, it was voted to follow GTE's recommendation in a 15-minute recess.

Commissioners Linda Westbrook, Kaye Lewis, Doug Dalrymple, and Len Averitt voted against the motion; Commissioners Tom Grimsley and Ernest Brooks voted for; Commissioner Robert Stephens was not present.

Commissioner Dalrymple made a motion to approve a committee to get a second.

Once again, Commissioner Grimsley made the original motion. It failed by the same vote a second

The commission, after more discussion failed to reach a decision so they took a 15-minute recess to regroup. During the recess, the group huddled (with a news reporter present) in the hall to discuss a communiqué.

Upon reconvening, Commissioner Linda Westbrook made a motion that the county administrator negotiate a deal with GTE or a private

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E-911 Board signs mapping contract

By Marvin McElwain - Editor

Last Thursday evening (7:00 p.m.), the Coffee County Emergency Communications Board (CCECB) signed with a firm to map and address the county for E-911.

The contract was awarded to LAS Systems, Inc., of Roswell, GA, at a cost of \$87,900.00.

The firm will begin in June mapping the more than 1,000 miles of roads in the county, identifying all structures, rivers, streams, bridges and even tree plugs. Also, all the streets in Elba, Kinston and New Brockton will be included in the mapping and identification process.

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The comments last week about Lt. Kelly Flinn being singled out for Air Force punishment because "she was a female succeeding in what had always been a man's world" only drew two negative comments. A retired Army colonel, who is a member of the Elba Citizen's opinions and fishing tactics, took us to task for "Joining that liberal New York press," because the real reason for the court martial was for disobeying an order. A letter-to-the-editor from another retired general and friend, takes the same position. As the dust settled, disobeying of orders was what the Air Force began stressing. It is agreed that military folks must obey legal and reasonable orders... no question from this corner. Still... this case was grossly mishandled, and long before it became a national debate.

The buzz word among computer users these days is internet. If you are not "on the net, you are not in the world." Anyway, the fashion statement of the day is "surf it on the web" and addresses are not post office boxes, but probably ending with ".com". Here is some recently read, very important information for those fashion conscious internet users: There are 1,200,000 internet web sites which use the word "cool" on their web page. There are 1,600 web sites which have misspelled the word intelligence on their page. Those are not "take to the bank facts," just something we read.

One more bit of internet info... AT&T is a fairly new internet supplier. A recent announcement was that they now have over 900,000 monthly subscribers "and hoped to be profitable next year." Folks, if they are not already profitable with that many people sending in monthly checks, we doubt they can ever make money!

It is looking more and more like the Alabama Legislature will be back in special session to pass either the General Fund and/or the Education budget, because Governor Fob James has not yet signed either into law. He is quoted as being upset over all the "pork" money legislators have stuck in various parts of the budget for their pet projects and special interest voter groups. We don't like such stuff either, but "pork" needs defining. It is the special money for YOUR project... those for my special projects are completely different and completely justifiable!

The Alabama Legislature has finally put a stop to adding to the maze of special tags. The cost is presently about 120 of these tags promoting some special group or another. Part of the higher cost of these tags goes to the organization being promoted on the tag. Annual sales range from a high of over 48,000 down to a low of 34. The group with 34 supporters had better hope for other sources of funding, 'cause there is not much available from the car tags.

It is time for school to be out for summer vacation. We remind all our readers that the children will have more time to be out on the streets and everyone should be a bit more careful driving up and down the highways and byways.

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GUEST EDITOR

TORT REFORM: THE JOBS PROGRAM WE REALLY NEED

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Recent headlines have been all too familiar. "Tort Reform Boggling Down... in Senate," "Time Running Out on Tort Reform," "Tort Reform Dead." Haven't we been here before?

It is time for another effort at reasonable reform to end in failure.

But it is particularly sad that the effort this year has failed when we consider the impact that a reasonable tort reform package could have in helping Alabama tackle one other great challenge that is curiously hidden in the tort debate.

It is true that Mercedes-Benz, and some other important manufacturers, have opened facilities in Alabama recently, but those much-publicized projects have not been enough to reverse the overall stagnation.

It should also be noted that those at the Mercedes plant came at a cost of over \$175,000 per job in tax benefits and other incentives.

A recent study conducted at the Center for Business and Economic Research at the University of South Alabama found that no job has ever paid as much per job as Alabama paid for our Mercedes plant.

Even more interesting, though, is the explanation given for the high price tag. "It is understandable that Alabama would pay a higher price," said Dr. Semon Chang, who conducted the study, "due to the fact that the outsider's perception of Alabama was not necessarily favorable."

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D.A.R.E. Graduation

by Vanessa McCraney

Fifth-grade students at Zion Chapel Elementary School recently participated in the graduation of the D.A.R.E. program. The students were taught many ways to "Just Say No" to drugs. In order to graduate from D.A.R.E., each student was required to write an essay.

Anna Anderson, Brandon Perkins, Cody Ellis, Nikki Presley, Anna Miller, Ayanna Brown, Haley Flowers, and Adam Wilkerson each read his/her essay at the graduation program.

The graduation program was held in the Zion Chapel High School Auditorium. The guest speaker was Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates. Each student was given a graduation certificate and a D.A.R.E. shirt by Officer Donnie Farris and Sheriff Perkins of the Coffee County Sheriff's Department.



Pictured above (l-r) are: seated - Nikki Presley, Ayonna Brown, Haley Flowers, and Anna Miller; standing - Brandon Perkins, Anna Anderson, and Cody Ellis. Not available for picture was Adam Wilkerson.

Class of 2002 Donates Tree

by Bridget Money

The class of 2002 planted a tree in the parking lot stand. The tree was donated by Mrs. Deadee Hansen's 6th and 7th grade English classes. The tree was presented to the Zion Chapel High School principal, Dr. Linda Ingram, by Kacy Clark. The ground was broken by the top two academic students in the class, Jeffery Boutwell and Mandi Collins.



Pictured above are: Mandi Collins and Jeffery Boutwell.

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ZC Seniors '97's Last Will & Testament & Prophecies

I. Tiffany Lewis, will, in ten years, have earned a Master's Degree in accounting. I will own a townhouse, four bedroom house, be driving a Nissan Maxima, be working at a big bank as account manager, be married with one child.

I. Heather Lewis,

ability to have a quarter everyday to buy tea for lunch and my ability to think positive and succeed in life. I leave my money to my last love, Linda Farris. And last but not least, I leave my ability to pass Senior English to the Junior Class of 1998.

I. Heather Lancy, in ten years, will be married to Greg and be working at the most successful doctor in Florida. Greg and I will have two kids.

I. Anna Miller, leave my sense of humor to Salena Shuman and my ability to make a scene anywhere to Danielle Richards and Christina Shuman. I leave my English Literature class to Buddy Morris, my mathematics to Anna Williams, the hope that the Bat Cave will open for the seniors of 1998, and all of my country CD's to my sister, Angie, for the two to be together.

I. Wyndi Rugg, leave my ability to some lucky girl and I leave my wonderful ability to get along with Kayron to Daphne.

I. Twanna Hayes, leave my ability to sing to my cousin Crystal Boyd. I leave my heart that is filled with a lot of love to my cousin Melissa. I leave Charlene to my best friend, Terri. To women I leave my ability to keep me alive. I leave my Tony Gable for encouragement, because he will need it when dealing with Crystal and Melissa.

I. Melanie Cape, plan to become a career day care worker and to eventually own and operate my own day care center.

I. Vanessa McCraney, leave my ability to complete assignments on time and to be a good student. I leave my mom to her son, Jeffery Boutwell and my dad to his son, Mandi Collins.

I. Paul Hussey, in ten years will be a registered nurse working in a small hospital or a retirement home.

I. Melanie Cape, would like to leave my ability to complete assignments on time and to be a good student.

I. Vanessa McCraney, see myself still driving the race car, working at a hospital somewhere just to stay away from home, while Toby is reviewing football games that he has played over the years.

I. Amber Shiver, leave my heart to Ashley Nelson. To women I leave my heart to her because lord knows she will need them and most of all, I leave her my best friend.

I. Billy Kelley, have no idea where I will be or what I will be doing in ten years from now.

I. Billy Kelley, leave my ability to grow two feet taller over the summer to Patrick Ogleby. I also leave him my ability to catch every pass thrown in a football game.

I. Bridget Money, in ten years will still be trying to figure myself out and still running from people that seem to find me everywhere I go.

I. Courtney Moran, leave the girls with basketball team the ability to drive the ball no matter what. To Tina Johnson, I leave all the twister tricks without having to share with me. I leave Jordan girls to see if she won't have to move to Spain in school. And most importantly, I leave my heart to Hanna Whitt, in ten years will be married to a man, will have 12 children, with one on the way, and will be working in a classroom in the state of Texas.

I. Courtney Moran, will be married to Jerod Jiright who has bought me a silver Camero instead of a ring. We will live in the mountains and neither one of us will have a job because Jerod has \$1 million saved from when he was a teenager.

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The Pressbox

with Ricky Mularz

School got out last week in Elba and the Mularz girls are already complaining about being bored and how being out of school for June and July is just too long. I'm sure they will change their minds when ball season gets over and they can start visiting friends and relatives, but until then maybe we can keep 'em busy helping keep the house clean. Ye, right!

***The Dixie Youth Baseball League season is going full blast and thus far, it seems like every single team has at least one or two very good pitchers, and they have been getting the best of the hitters, for most of the time. It should pay dividends come All-Star time.

***The Girl's Softball League expanded this season and when the All-Star tournaments roll around the league will field teams in 10 and Under, 12 and Under, 14 and Under and 16 and 18 and Under competition. The 10 and Under girls will compete in the year, but this year have their own league to get them ready, while the 16 and Under girls are competing for the first time in regular season and will split their talent when they split time rolls around. It should be a fun summer and tournament for all the girls.

***Elba's Chasity Williams was named to the South team last week for the All-Star tournament. Chasity deserved the right to compete at the state level. She has been a star for a number of years, and the Tigers have always been one of the team's top hitters. She will report to practice in Montgomery on July 22 and compete in the Slow-Pitch All-Star game on July 24, which will give her a three-day holiday at the festival. A fitting reward.

Elba Department of Parks and Recreation BASEBALL & SOFTBALL SCHEDULES

*** BASEBALL ***

DIXIE MAJORS

(Home games at Legion Field)

THURSDAY, MAY 29

Elba at Ashford (7:00)

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

Elba at Opp (7:00)

DIXIE PRE-MAJORS

(Home games at Legion Field)

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

Opp at Elba Indians (7:00)

Elba Pirates at Andalusia (7:00)

DIXIE BOYS

(Home games at Legion Field)

FRIDAY, MAY 30

In Elba,

6:00 - Rockies vs. White Sox

7:45 - Reds vs. Yankees

SATURDAY, MAY 31

In Luverne,

10:00 - H. Home vs. Mariners

12:00 - Braves vs. Mariners

MONDAY, JUNE 2

In Elba,

6:00 - Reds vs. Mariners

8:00 - Reds vs. Rockies

DIXIE YOUTH & DIXIE MINOR

(Home games at Legion Field)

FRIDAY, MAY 30

In Elba,

6:00 - Marlins vs. A's

7:45 - Braves vs. D'Backs

In New Brockton,

6:00 - Royals vs. Cardinals

7:45 - Red Sox vs. Rays

*** SOFTBALL ***

TEE-BALL

(Hawkins-Williams Field 3)

MONDAY, JUNE 2

6:00 - Bullfrogs vs. Suns

COACH-PITCH

(Hawkins-Williams Field 2)

MONDAY, JUNE 2

6:00 - Bandits vs. Blaze

10 AND UNDER

THURSDAY, MAY 29

(Hawkins-Williams Field 2)

6:00 - Cubbs vs. Chiefs

MONDAY, JUNE 2

(Hawkins-Williams Field 2)

7:15 - Cannons vs. Chicks

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7:15 - Cubbies vs. Chiefs

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

(Hawkins-Williams Field 2)

6:00 - Cannons vs. Cubbies

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Sports

Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Williams chosen for South All-Star team

Teams and coaches for the softball and baseball teams competing during the Alabama All-Stars Sports Week on July 22-26 were announced last week by the Alabama High School Coaches Association. The coaches Association, as included among the softball players, picked Williams as Elba's Chasity Williams.

The inaugural event will include state, North-South all-star games in volleyball, girls and boys baseball,

ketball, football, baseball and softball, as well as clinics and conferences for coaches, cheerleaders, officials and athletic directors. All players will be graduated seniors.

Chasity Williams, the hard-hitting outfielder for the Elba Lady Panthers, was among the fifteen players named to the South Slow Pitch squad, and will be joined by coaches Terry Scott, of Geneva, and Ellen

Daly-Emfinger, of Valley, and players Meredith Gault, of UMS-Wright; Christi Huckabee, of Pleasant Home; Christi Freeman, of Grand Bay; Roslyn Webb, of LeFlore; Amy Harris, of Andalusia; Brandy Hill, of Phenix City; Marcha Mixon, of Geneva; Krystal Patterson, of Thorsby; Courtney Cooper, of Phenix City Central; Kristy Harrison, of Auburn; Amy Johnson, of Straughn; Jennifer Vann, of Jackson; Lashonda Beasley, of Charles Henderson; and Hill Stover, of Vicksburg.

Area baseball players named to the South squad included Jay Jackson, of Opp, and Chris Brantley, of Goshen.

Chasity Williams

DIXIE YOUTH & DIXIE MINOR BASEBALL

LEAGUE STANDINGS

(Through the week of May 23)

DIXIE YOUTH LEAGUE

TEAM	WON	LOST	BEHIND
CARDINALS	7	0	-
BRAVES	5	0	1
A'S	2	3	4
ROYALS	1	4	5
D'BACKS	1	5	5 1/2
MARLINS	1	5	5 1/2

DIXIE MINOR LEAGUE

TEAM	WON	LOST	BEHIND
DODGERS	5	1	-
PHILLIES	5	2	1 1/2
RED SOX	3	1	1
SOX	3	4	2 1/2
RAYS	1	4	3 1/2
BREWERS	0	5	4 1/2

Cardinals and Braves remain undefeated in DYL baseball

The Elba Dixie Youth and Dixie Minor Baseball Leagues continued their seasons last week with doubleheaders Thursday and Friday at both Legion Field and New Brockton.

Following are highlights of the games played last week, along with the highlights of early-season games held at New Brockton:

SOX 14
BREWERS 14

The Sox used a big second inning to grab the lead and held on to defeat the Brewers 14-14, in Dixie Minor action.

The score was tied at 3-3 after one inning, but the Sox plated 9 runs in the second inning to take command and rolled to the win.

Andy Waddell, Kyle English and Trent Baker got 3 hits for the Sox, while Todd Koller and Lance Thigpen both added 2. Jessie Smith and Daniel Hernandez both got 3 hits for the Royals.

DODGERS 15
RANGERS 9

The Dodgers grabbed the lead and held on to defeat the Rangers 15-9, in Dixie Minor action.

The score was tied at 3-3 after one inning, but the Dodgers rallied 6 runs in the fifth to grab the lead and held on for the win.

Heath Parker and Bradley Bane both got 2 hits for the Phillips, while Adam Spicer got 3 hits for the Rays.

CARDINALS 8
12 AND UNDER

The Cardinals broke loose in the third to take the lead and never looked back, defeating the A's 8-7 in Dixie Youth action. The Cardinals trailed 3-2 heading into the third, but scored 5 runs in the frame to grab the lead and held on for the win.

Jason Curran got 3 hits and knocked 3 runs to lead the Cardinals, while Marcus Henderson added 2 hits. Derrick Thomas got 1 hit and scored a run for the A's.

DODGERS 13
DIAMONDBACKS 2

The Cardinals led all the way to the 10th inning, 13-2, in Dixie Youth action. The Cardinals jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the second inning and then used a 8-run third to put the win in the bag.

Marcus Henderson got 3 hits and collected 3 RBI's to lead the Cardinals, while Matthew Curran, Brandon Weller and Jason Curran added 2 hits each. Lance Wood got 1 hit and scored a run for the Diamondbacks.

RED SOX 6
PHILLIES 4

The Red Sox pulled ahead early and never looked back, defeating the Diamondbacks in Dixie Youth action. The Cardinals led 4-2 after one inning and pulled away to claim the win.

Matthew Curran, Marcus Henderson and Brett Horton got 2 hits apiece to lead the Cardinals, while Joseph Sawyer got 1 hit and collected 1 RBI for the Diamondbacks.

DODGERS 9
RAYS 8

The Dodgers used a big second inning to grab the lead and held on

to edge the Rays 9-8, in Dixie Minor action. The Dodgers trailed 3-0 after one inning, but exploded for 9 runs in the second to take the lead and the win.

Wesley McCormick got 2 hits and knocked 3 runs to lead the Dodgers, while Adam Spicer got 1 hit and collected 2 RBI's for the Rays.

RANGERS 9
GIANTS 19

The Rangers remained undefeated with a 9-1 win over the Giants.

Brandon Mashburn, Colton Crael and Austin Parrish all scored 3 runs for the Rangers, while Caleb Davis scored twice. Timmy Geddings and Gage Nalley both scored 2 runs for the Rangers.

ATHLETICS 22
MARINERS 18

The Athletics scored runs in bunches to outscore the Mariners 22-18.

Blake Berry and Vincent Jones both scored 3 runs for the Athletics, while Cordell Hooks, Justin Hammonds, Derrick Jackson, Anton Tyren, Gabe Monroe, Demetric Tyren and Christopher Saine scored twice. Chafin Johnson, Jessie Ogleby and Brian Blair all scored 3 runs for the Mariners, while Caleb Bannin, Will Gray, Aaron Burks, Adam McCormick, Jacob Forbes and Trey Martin all scored twice.

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Elba Elementary School welcomes Grandparents

Elba Elementary School "rolled out the red carpet" to welcome grandparents on Thursday, May 1. Hundreds of grandparents turned out to support their favorite elementary

students and were welcomed by a reception in the school's cafeteria.

Awards were presented to several grandparents for such accomplishments as oldest and youngest grandparent, grandparent with most grandchildren, an Elba Elementary, and grandparent who had traveled the farthest distance to be in attendance.

After refreshments, prizes, and entertainment by some of the students, the grandparents were invited to visit in their grandchildren's classrooms. The students at EES appreciate the volunteer work and support from their grandparents.

Summer School in Elba to begin Monday, June 2

Elba Elementary School's Summer School Program has been announced, and will begin June 2 for all ages, kindergarten through sixth grade.

Classes will meet Monday through Thursday through June 26.

"Attendance and good behavior

are essential if a child is to succeed in school," said Principal Dale Crowe. "We also expect students to be on time each day."

"Parents, please make sure your child eats a good breakfast. With summer school being only two hours each day, we do not plan to have snacks at school this summer."

"Elbowers, Summer Feeding Program will provide sack lunches. Lunch will be provided for all students to be eaten at school at the end of their school day whether they finish at 10:10 or 12:10."

Teachers and class times for the different grade levels are as follows:

Kindergarten - Mrs. Carolyn Tisler - 7:55 and 10:10

First Grade - Mrs. June Grantham - 7:55 and 10:10

Second Grade - Mrs. Patricia Nicholson - 7:55 and 10:10

Third Grade - Mrs. Shirlyn Dye - 7:55 and 10:10

Fourth Grade - Mrs. Nancy Crowe - 7:55 and 10:10

Fifth Grade - Mrs. Nancy Crowe - 7:55 and 10:10

Fifth Grade - Mrs. Amy Thomas - 7:55 and 10:10

Sixth Grade - Mrs. Amy Thomas - 7:55 and 10:10

The Title I Program will provide one bus to transport students to and from school this summer. The route according to times and places is as follows:

Elba Villas - 1st load - 7:15; 2nd load - 7:25; 2nd load - 9:40

Morrell Village - 1st load - 7:35; 2nd load - 9:50

Mullins Apts. - 1st load - 7:43; 2nd load - 9:55

Bridgeman Blocks - 1st load - 7:35; 2nd load - 9:35

Young World of Learning - 1st load - 7:30; 2nd load - 9:45

Carver Drive - 1st load - 7:40; 2nd load - 9:55

Kennedy Estates - 1st load - 7:47; 2nd load - 10:02

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Scripture: Matthew 27:1-25
***Prayer of the day: "Lord, we pray for you: the Pearson family, their son, Henderson, James Hooks Jr., Leonor Rodgers, Amanda Plain, Gladys Mincey, Iris Tanks, Luey Hooks, Rev. Charles Lane, Rev. Henry Ewing Jr., Barbara Henderson, Lela Harris."

***Bible study: We may compare the Bible to the Tabernacle, the outer court, the inner court or the Holy of Holies. The outer court is the letter of the Scripture; the inner court or Holy of Holies is the truth of the Scripture; the holiest place of all is the person of Jesus Christ; and only when we pass the innermost veil do we come to Him.

A.T. Pierson

by Sister Ruby Lee Tillis, Rev. Darby Caldwell will introduce the speaker, Rev. Freddie Flowers, pastor of Shady Grove A.M.E. Church, Elba.

Offering by Sis. Staudmire and visitors.

Recognition of visitors by Sister Pam Aaron and sister Gussie Adams.

Remarks and benediction.

***YOUTH DAY PROGRAM

The youth of Dunn's Chapel A.M.E. Church, Garfield Basset Road, Troy, Rev. Samuel E. Brown, pastor, officers, members and youth choir from their respective churches to come and share in their Youth Day Program on Sunday, June 15, at 1:30 p.m.

Speaker for this occasion will be Officer Gregory Wright from the Troy Police Dept.

The choirs are asked to render their voices in song in praising the Lord.

Miss Shekita Carlisle, VPD president; Mrs. Kathleen W. Forbush, youth director.

***Focus on Youth Services: The Rocky Head Baptist Church, Highway 125, Elba, Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor, is extending an invitation to the churches to fellowship with them during their "Focus on Youth" services June 4 - 8.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the church will have a spring revival held beginning at 7 p.m. (Evangelist for these services will be announced later.)

On Saturday, June 7, outdoor activities will be held (time and place to be announced later).

The services will climax Sunday, June 8, with their annual Youth Day.

***Youth Need to Know: African American History

***Motivation: People may doubt what you say, but they will always believe what you do.

***African American Activist: Educator and Civil Rights activist.

***Did you know? Chappie James was the first African American pilot to distinguish himself in the Korean War?

Question: What did Sarah Boone do in 1892 that aided in forming a domestic science class?

Answer: The inning board.

Question: Who was the first African American to be appointed to the House Armed Services Committee?

Answer: Ronald V. Dellums.

Question: Who was the first African American to be featured on the cover of Sports Illustrated magazine?

Answer: Reginald Lewis, who founded and was a partner in the Lewis and Clarkson TLC Group, New York City, until his death on January 19, 1993.

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TEEN MISS - Winner - Crystal Burrows; 1st - Rachel Carroll; 2nd - Erica Newman; 3rd - Emily Wiss; 4th - Brandie Head; Interview - Crystal Burrows; Congeniality - Rachel Carroll; Photogenic - Emily Wiss

JUNIOR MISS - Winner - Veronica Hernandez; 1st - Katy Gifford; 2nd - Ashley Green; 3rd - Haley Wise; 4th - Emily Smith; Interview - Ashley Green; Congeniality - Melanie McGlothlen; Photogenic - Haley Wise

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A 1987 study involving 520 children

injured in bicycle accidents revealed that only three had been wearing helmets. Thirty-one percent suffered head and neck injuries, and three had concussions.

A similar study, involving 21 cyclists, students, junior cyclists and seven of the cyclists who were not wearing helmets, found that none of the eight who wore helmets had such injuries.

But even though the statistics show that helmets can prevent serious head injuries, many cyclists and adults and an even smaller number of children choose to wear them.

In fact, only about three to five percent of children wear bicycle helmets.

Roller-blading enthusiasts are even less inclined to use helmets, even though roller-blading and cycling can carry their passengers at surprisingly high speeds on uneven surfaces such as streets where a fall could result in severe brain injury - even death.

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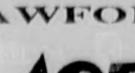
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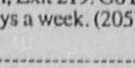


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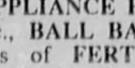
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contractor - providing the necessary time frame can be met - to move the existing telephone equipment to the temporary offices. This motion passed unanimously.

Turning to other matters, Tindell told commissioners that he would like to add a item concerning a subject "near and dear to my heart" - new equipment.

He proceeded to present to the commission - in a very orderly and informative fashion - a list of very important equipment by the highway department.

Tindell noted that his department had remained in-line on its budget and he had held off on presenting his request until it was reasonably sure the funds would be available.

He noted that four (4) 15-foot wide-wing front-end loaders were purchased off state bid. These loaders will be used to supplement the herbicide program on the county roads' rights-of-way. This request was approved.

Finally, Tindell requested that bid requests be sent out on a master grader. He told commissioners that this piece of equipment would be used in working up dirt roads to be paved. Commissioners voted to do so.

Tindell's third request was for two (2) dump trucks. He asked that bid requests be sent out on eight yard capacity dumps. These trucks will be used by the driveway installation crew. This was approved.

Fourth, the engineer asked for two (2) cab-chassis. The herbicide spray units will be placed on these units since the present units are more than 14 years old. Commissioners approved sending out bid requests.

Fifth, a new more modern patching machine was requested. Bid requests will be mailed out.

Finally, Tindell said that bid requests be sent out for a small bulldozer. This piece of equipment will be used along road rights-of-way where larger dozers cannot work. This too was approved by the commissioners.

The bids on the above pieces of equipment will be opened on June 9 or June 23.

Barbara Everett appeared before the commission to update them on the Family Services Center. She reminded commissioners that the organization is to strengthen families and to help them become self-sufficient.

Everett noted that the organization has been successful in fund raising and is hopeful of additional funds through grants.

She told commissioners that the immediate need is for a facility in which to locate the center. Everett asked the commission for the use of the office space in the Farm Center recently vacated by Mapping & Appraisal. She also asked that the county provide the utilities and telephone service (pay the base cost) for the office.

Elena Strong elected to the Student Government Association Senate at University of Alabama

Everett informed commissioners that the organization had a professional person who had volunteered to man the facility on a part-time basis.

The commissioners granted Mrs. Everett's request.

In other matters, the commission took the following actions:

***Accepted the bid for paving

the entrance to the county landfill to

Enco Development Corporation of

Enterprise. Their bid for the project

was \$44,435.70.

***Accepted the final subdivision

plat on Lake Nicholls Estates pend-

ing on the review from the county

health department.

***Accepted the preliminary sub-

division plat in the name of Sleepy

Hollow Estates. The developer is

Trinity Land Co. LLC of Enterprise

AL. A total of 100 lots (length of

cul-de-sac and curve radius) were

granted and a survey band/border

credit was required to complete

a temporary cul-de-sac.

***Tindell requested that the county subdivision regulations be re-

viewed and change to conform with

the impending state law expected to

be signed by Gov. James. A work

session will be held on Thursday,

June 5.

Other honors at the University in-

clude being chosen by her Chi Ome-

ga pledge class as "Best Pledge" and

being selected for membership in

Freshman Forum, Lambda Sigma,

Carillon Key, Elliott Society, Phi

Lambda Alpha, and Greek Sum-

mit, each of which is based on lead-

ership and scholarship.

Her involvement in honor socie-

ties, such as Alpha Eta Sigma,

Phi Eta Sigma, and Gamma Beta Phi

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the Coffee County Commission.

Everett is the daughter of Dr. and

Mrs. Kenneth Strong of Elba.

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ELENA STRONG (r) is shown receiving the Phi Upsilon Omicron Award for Outstanding Freshman during recent Honors Day ceremonies at The University of Alabama. Presenting the award is Dr. Judy Bonner, dean of the University's College of Human Environmental Sciences.

AEC dedicates power plant at Gant

Dedication of Alabama Electric Cooperative's (AEC) repowered McWilliams Steam Power plant was held Friday, May 23, at the plant site in Gant, AL., in conjunction with the cooperative's 1997 annual meeting.

Dedication activities attracted approximately 600 invited guests.

Those in attendance in the dedication were District 31 Rep. Steve Adams, District 92 Rep. Seth Hamm, Alabama Public Service Commission President Jim Sullivan, AEC board of trustees Chairman J.E. (Gene) Smith and AEC President James A. Vining.

Renovation of the McWilliams Power Plant began in 1995. The \$69 million repowering project included installation of a 107-megawatt com-

bustion turbine and modifications to the plant's existing steam generation equipment.

The repowered plant provides 151 megawatts of peaking and intermediate power.

In the repowered plant, the combustion turbine drives a generator to produce electricity. The heat recovery steam generator uses waste heat from the combustion turbine to heat water and produce steam to operate the three generating units.

AEC, with headquarters in Andalusia, is a generation and transmission cooperative founded in 1941 that provides wholesale power to 12 distribution cooperatives in Alabama, four distribution cooperatives in Florida, four municipal systems in Alabama, and one industrial distributor, Opp & Micolas Mills in Opp.

Opp Jaycees bagging for St. Jude's

The Opp Jaycees will be bagging groceries at Winn Dixie in Opp, Friday and Saturday, June 6 and 7, 10 a.m. till 6 p.m.

Purpose of donating apparel and bagging groceries for tips by the Jaycees is to benefit St. Jude's Re-

search Hospital.

Also available Saturday, June 7, will be new sign-up and updating last year's packets of Kidcare ID.

The Jaycees ask shoppers to not forget to tip the baggers - it's for St. Jude's!

The Elba Housing Authority is sponsoring "Yard of the Month" contest this summer

The Elba Housing Authority is sponsoring a "Yard of the Month" contest this summer, and four winners each month will be selected from the Housing Authority's six apartment complexes. Each family chosen will have a monetary gift.



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OUT OF FLOOD ZONE! Great brick w/Vinyl trim. In excellent condition. 3 BR, 2 BA, Den, Dining Room, CH&A, FP on W/F/estacator, 2-Car Carport. Approximately 1800 SF & large lot on a hillside at 905 Flomoy Dr. Price \$85,000.

FOR THE DISCRIMINATING ONLY! Too many properties to list them all! 3 BR, 2 1/2-BA home in the city, with 18'x36' pool. Beautifully landscaped. Approx. 2600 SF. Appointment only.

NEW LISTING: Brick home with new built-in appliances, new carpet, new roof. 3 BR, 1-1/2 Bath, Large barn, utility house with patio. All on 5 acres MOL. 1485 Smith Ave.

LOOKING FOR A BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY with quiet surroundings and lots of potential? Sawmill on approx. 10 acres, with double-wide mobile home. Approx. 4 miles west of Elba on new US 84.

COUNTRY HOUSE, Completely remodeled and updated, Office Co. Rd. 408 in Basin/Curtis Communities. 3 BR, 2 BA, Den w/FP, DR, CH&A. Approx. 2200 SF, on approx. 3/4-acre lot. New appliances. New roof. Really nice home. Price \$82,000.

PRICE REDUCED! One of the nicest homes in Elba. 3 BR, 2 BA. Approx. 1950 SF with oversized deck on back. 20' x 24' wired shop in back. Many more extras. Call now and let us show you this immaculate home! Located at 1143 Oak Ave.

NEW LISTING: Great floor plan with master bedroom separate from other 2 bedrooms. Large family room, 18'x36' inground pool, screened porch. Approx. 1465 SF. Super condition! Apt. only. 909 Forest Ave.

NEW HOME IN THE COUNTRY, but close in with 5 acres. Additional acreage available. 4 BR, 2 BA, approx. 2200 SF, 4 miles west of Elba on US 84.

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